Amendments to Claims:

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This listing of claims replaces prior claim listing(s).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Communication apparatus comprising:

a memory for storing one or more representation of a communicator located in an alert region; and

a controller for causing an alert message to be sent to at least one communicator in the alert region;

wherein the alert message is generated automatically by computer software that checks for biological or toxic contamination sensed in the alert region for sending the alert message in a proximate area for immediate notification or neighboring proximate area for subsequent advisory, whereby such computer software enables a first alert message comprising an initial request for emergency help to be sent immediately to a first communicator located in a first area located proximately within about 10 minutes of transit time between a requester and the first communicator, and a second alert message comprising a mere advisory notification without request for emergency help to be sent subsequently to a second communicator located in a second area non-proximately located in a neighboring community, city or other further locale.

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:

the controller causes the alert message to be sent in response to an alert request received by the controller from a requesting communicator located in the alert region.

3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:

at least one communicator located in the alert region comprises a locator for determining its location.

4. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1:

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